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To whom it may concern,

Wake up and smell the coffee. We can buy the most incredible engineering marvel of our day (NT) or even Windows for the price of a video game. In what possible way has the public ever been harmed. This insanity (the whole government case against MS) could only be created and promulgated by entirely clueless lawyers, who have no conception of what it takes to create an operating systems or what life was like prior to MS. I doubt that they are angels, but no successful company ever is. The bottom line is what they have done to and for the general public and even mankind as a whole. I can't imagine any possible scenario that trivializes what MS has accomplished into something somehow detrimental to the public, the USA or mankind as a whole. Instead of taxing the public (and a tax it is, since MS must tack on the price of fighting the case to their products and we pay taxes to pay for the num-nuts who are prosecuting this case) with this ridiculous lawsuit, we should be cheering them on. About the only "remedy" that I can even possibly see is the requirement for MS to keep an open book regarding the various Window API's so that their well-earned and deserved defacto monopoly in the operating system area does not preclude others from creating useable and robust third party apps. Even this is a bit of a fool's errand, as the question as to exactly what an operating systems is, is in constant flux. I don't wish to pay lawyers forever chasing an accelerating train. There used to be a Hotel under construction in my town that we jokingly call the "Old carpenters rest home" because of the length of time it took to build it. I fear this lawsuit will become the same. Whenever a lawyer in the government's employ runs out of meaningful work to do, they can bill a few hours to the "Never ending case". Lets give this up, and stop penalizing MS and ultimately us by this frivolous lawsuit.

Sincerely

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